

Docket No.: 44376-029

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Atsushi KAWAI, et al. :  
Serial No.: Group Art Unit: 2622  
Filed: March 23, 2000 Examiner: T. L. AMR  
For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

jc515 U.S. PRO  
09/533211  
  
03/23/00

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

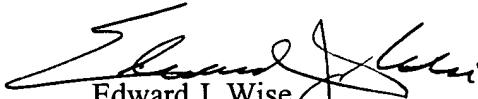
Japanese Patent Application No. 11-88981, filed March 30, 1999  
and

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-55825, filed March 1, 2000

cited in the Declaration of the present application. Certified copies will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

  
Edward J. Wise  
Registration No. 34,523

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096  
(202) 756-8000 EJW:klm  
**Date: March 23, 2000**  
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087